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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Giacomo Stefano ROBA et al.

Application No.: 09/465,016

Filed: December 16, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING  
AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM BY  
COMBUSTIONLESS HYDROLYSIS

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